

Information for the Press
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An order signed by Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, closes the season this year for hunting wild geese in Alexander County, Illinois at 4:30 P.M. on Wednesday, November 28.

While the Migratory Bird Treaty October regulations had provided that the season be from November 24 to December 31, two factors entered into the emergency closing. In the first place only 28,000 geese--10,000 less than last year--visited the area. Of this number 1,400 were killed on the first day of the season and 700 on the next day.

The closing order, wildlife officials declared, is necessary if this flight of Canada geese in the famous Keweenaw Lake area is to be saved from serious damage.